BUYING THE CHEROKEE OUTLET. Conditions of Purchase to Which the House

Mas Just Acceded. Washington, Jan. 21.—On the 19th of De-cember, 1891, Commissioners appointed by the President struck a bargain with the Chero-6,000,000 acres that lies on the northern boundary of the Indian Territory, and is known as the Outlet. The Cherokee Council ratified this agreement on the 4th of January, 1802.

The negotiations for the purchase had been prolonged for years, because the Cherokees would not sell the tract at all until a recent judicial decision had seriously undermined the value and extent of their title to it. That result, however, brought them down to a price nearer that which the Government regarded as its full value. Filibusters had been en-camped on its borders for months and years, threatening to seize it, but the Indians only regarded this eagerness as a reason for charging a higher price. In Congress it was proposed to take possession of the tract by force, or under the principle of eminent domain, and settle for it by appraisal afterward; but that suggestion also only enhanced its value in the eyes of the Indians. They had been leasing it to a cattle syndicate for pasturage, and the lessees were slow in paying, while at last the Government drove them out with its soldiers, and forbade the Cherokees to lease it again; yet even this experience, though it weakened the Indians. did not bring them to the point of selling at a fair price. But when a United States court, in a case brought to try the title, decided that they did not have a fee-simple ownership in tract, but simply a right of crossing it as an "outlet" to the north and west, and that it was for Congress to decide whether even this right had not lapsed by non-usance, they came to terms, and a reasonable bargain was made. The consideration of the sale was sixfold.

(1) The removal by the Government of all intruders from all Cherokee lands-this being a difficult job. involving, perhaps, a serious and costly legal fight, unless the Government should shoulder it: (2) the renunciation by the Government of its right to settle triendly Indians in the Cherokee country east of the 90th meridian; (3) the reaffirmation of Cherokee rights of home rule-this presumably being intended to guard against any Oklahoma projects of absorbing the Indian Territory: (4) a squaring of accounts with the Government during the last seventy-five years; (5) the allotment of eighty acres each in the

Territory; (4) a squaring of accounts with the Government during the last seventy-five years; (5) the allotment of eighty acres each in the Outlet to about seventy Cherokees, to be paid for out of the price; (6) the payment of \$8.505., 735.12" at such time and in auch manner as the Cherokee National Council shall determine." This last gives a price of about \$1.40 an acre for the great tract, good and bad land together, whereas \$1.25 is generally considered a full and liberal price to pay for Indian lands so bought. Still, much of this tract is undoubtedly good farming country. It will be seen from this recital that the Cherokee shad things much their own way, and that, though they weakened on their original price, they obtained other important considerations for purchase, while as to the manner of payment the Cherokee Council is the final judge, and Congress is left out. The agreement, it should be added, stipulated that Congress must ratify it and appropriate the money before March 4, 1835, or it should be utterly void." Action upon it at the present season thus became imperative.

The acquisition of this strip of land, which separates Oklahoma from kansas, is almost a necessity for the former, of which it will hereafter form a part. The highest price ever obtained by the Indians for the lease of the tract was only \$200,000 a year, which would represent live per cent, on a valuation of \$4,000,000, or less than half what the Government now gives for it; and five per cent, is the interest allowed by the Government on the purchase price. It is true that there has been talk of cattlemen being willing to pay twice as much reat, and to give prodigious sums outright for the land, but all this was mere talk, based on the "bluffing" practices of the region, and on the desire of the cattlemen to check the purposes of the Government. As a fact, even \$200,000 was only paid for a year or two, the rent before that time being \$100,000, which is less than one-lourth of what the covernment says. When the rengent of the search

reimburso the Government, the latter cannot go too far in its liberaiity without checking the ultimate purpose for which the bargain is made. There is no doubt that the Government is paying a high price in order to dispose of this protracted business.

As to the other stipulations, it should be said that the one providing that the Government shall remove intruders simply secures the execution of a duty imposed by the treaties of 1853 and 1868. The right to settle friendly Indians east of the 95th meridian is no longer needed. The right of local government belongs to the Cherokees, and is one for whose intelligent exercise they have long shown canacity. The small allotments to a few Cherokees are due to their having already settled on the lands, and that matter is all right. The most suspicious of all the auxiliary considerations is the one providing for the squaring of the Cherokee accounts since 1817. This looks as though the tribe had some ancient claims to be sprung upon the Government which it did not want to have barred. However, if any such claims exist which a court would support in equity, they should be baid.

But after all the anxiety shown to avoid amending the agreement, lest the Cherokees should withdraw from it, it must go back to them. The House recognized that the Treasury may be straitened to pay, each down. 85,586,738.12, and accordingly Mr. Holman offered an amendment which would make this sum payable in six years, allowing 5 per cent, interest thereon. Some doubt was expressed as to whether the legislators at Tablequah might not accept this opportunity to throw up the agreement. But there is no danger of that, They are showed men, and can divine that the result would be a condemnation of the tract to opening by Congress, leaving the compensation to be fixed because the

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The "Darkest England" Inquiry Committee, which has been investigating the manner in which Salvation General Booth has spent the large sums of money intrusted to him to carry out his plans for the rescue and regeneration of the poor, has made its report. The committee was formed several months ago in consequence of a protracted controversy in the newspapers between the supporters of Gen. Booth's scheme and its critics. It was regarded as a strong committee. Its members were the Earl of Onslow, Sir Henry James, Mr. Walter H. Long, M. P., Mr. C. E. Hobhouse, and Mr. Edwin Waterhouse, President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Sir Henry James being Chairman. Very hostile criticisms had been passed upon the scheme. It was condemned as chimerical. economically un-sound, and positively dangerous in its diversion of large sums of money from established and provedly sound charities, and, in addition, grave insinuations were set affoat concerning Gen. Booth's management of the scheme and the way in which the money was being spent. The principal fact of importance, that Gen. Booth, and he alone, had entire charge of the development and management of his prodigious scheme and absolute control of all money subscribed for its support, was always considered its especially dangerous feature and his persistent refusal to share his power and responsibility with any one whatever, or to admit the public to any knowledge of the workings of his plans or his expenditure of money, gave the ground for the strong sentiment which he finally recognized by consenting to the appointment of the Onslow Committee. The report is a pamphlet of some sixty printed pages, but it is inconclusive. It emprinted rages, but it is inconclusive. It embodies a certificate of good character for Gen. Booth, but it refrains from passing upon the merits of the scheme itself, while the statistics it contains show that it is heavily in debt, practically bankrupt, and almost a failure. "General" Booth published his book, "Darkest England and the Way Out," containing his scheme for the rescue of the "submerged tenth" of England's population, and appealing for funds to carry it out, in the fall of 1830. By the end of November, 1831, he had received £103,112 in subscriptions, and to the 30th of last September £12,288 in sill lad been intrusted to him for the carrying out of his project of social regeneration. Something of the ambitious scope of the idea may be gathered by those who have not read his book from the following statement in the report:

It was intended that there should be included in the scheme three branches: (1) The City Colony, (2) the Farm Colony, and (6) the Culony Over Sea. The first the austrace. In the tity or the first in easiernes, in the history or the third is not yet in easiernes. In the history or the first of social research. Resistry, Intelligence bepartment, the improved Lodgings, Sium Sisters. Frison Gate Bregade, Rescue House, and the Inquiry Office. The Travelling Hospital has been commenced by the empowement of trained hurses, and the linguity office. The Travelling Hospital has been commenced by the empowement of trained hurses, and the linguity office. The Travelling Hospital has been commenced by the supply the Sea, and the floors for flows Wives, the Martimental Schools, the Asyton for Storal Lunatics, the Martmental Schools, the Asyton for Storal Lunatics, the Martmental Burrau. Refuges for street Children, the ludustrial Schools, the Asyton for Storal Lunatics, the Martmental Schools, the Asyton for Storal Lunatics, the Martmental Burrau. Refuges for street Children, the ludustrial Schools, the Asyton for Storal Lunatics, the Martmental Schools, the Asyton for Storal Lunatics, the Mart

Mont de Piete, Whitechapt-hytheses, and the Poor Man's Bank, described in the book and intended to be carried on in connection with the city Colony, have not yet been commenced.

The report describos in minute detail those institutions already established and the work that has been accomplished by them. "Shelters" have been opened in London which can accommodate 4.0.20 men nightly and 7ti2 women: factories, mainly for making firewood and matches, have been established, which employ between four and five hundred men; a Labor Registry has been opened, which is reported to be of considerable value, and the Roscue Homes have also done considerable seemingly good work. The Farm Colony, in Easex, has been started, and 800" rescued persons are employed there, out, according to the report, mostly in brickmaking and other non-agricultural pursuits. The Colony Over Sea, the principal feature of the rescuescheme, has not yet been established. Voluminous statistics are given of the number of people who have passed through the xarious institutions, but how many of them were "submerged" before they entered, and how many have been permanently "rescued," the report does not tell.

The balance sheet shows that the expenditures have very largely exceeded the receipts. On Sept. 30 last there was a cash deliciency of £01,1440, which Gen. Beoth has not hyborrowing from himself as head of the Spiritual Wing of the Salvation Army and by mortgages. A loss is shown on the working of the firewood, match, and other like departments, and also upon the Farm Colony operations.

Complaints, frequently made, were considered by the committee that in certain trades wages already low had been lowered to meet the competition occasioned by the products of the Army's institutions, and that this competition had deprived many workmen of all employment in the trade they had previously been engaged in. The Army has obtained a practical monopoly of the firewood business. The report says:

It is evident that if, when assisting the submerged," a course is

Gen. Booth gave assurances that outside tradesmen should not be undersold, but that does not dispel the difficulty. Unless the Army creates a new demand, and it has not done so in the case of the firewood, its chief work, it does not provide employment; it only transfers existing employment, and very probably from a more deserving to a less deserving

does not provide employment; it only transfers existing employment, and very probably from a more deserving to a less deserving class of men. The information on this vital point is very meagre, and far from satisfactory. The statistics show that the Army deals almost exclusively with casual labor, does not make it may the less casual, and its operations may perhaps only tend to disorganize industry and aggravate existing evils.

On the one point, whether the property and money acquired through the Darkest England appeal are so vested that they cannot be applied to any other purpose than those set forth in the appeal, and as to what safeguards exist to prevent the misapplication of the property and money by Gen. Booth, or the successor to his place, whom he alone has the power to nominate, it makes definite findings and aggrestions. It says that "adequate legal safeguards do not at present exist to prevent the misapplication of such property," the only safeguard being that any such misapplication would amount to a breach of trust, and would subject the General to proceedings of a civil and criminal character.

The unanimity of adverse comment on the report and its showings by the London press is usbroken. Those papers which have been openly hostile to "General" Booth return to the attack with "General" Booth return to the attack with greater vigor, and are leud and very general in their condemnation. Several of those crities who individually opposed the new social scheme have written to tell their experience in the inquiry. They say the report is based entirely on the experience in the inquiry. They say the report is based entirely on the experience in the inquiry. They say the report is based entirely on the experience and its limitations, refused, and the opposing witnesses, on learning the lines on which the inquiry was to be conducted, and its limitations, refused to testify or to have anything to do with it.

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